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Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 – 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

**RE: CC Docket No. 96-61 – Request for Additional Information
Regarding the Rate Integration Plan Filed by the American
Samoa Telecommunications Authority**

Dear Ms.Dortch,

This letter on behalf of the American Samoa Telecommunications Authority (“ASTCA”) responds to the Public Notice, DA-06-295, released on February 6, 2006, requesting additional information regarding the rate integration plan filed by ASTCA. This letter responds to each of the questions in the Public Notice.

1. **Reorganization of the telephone company.** In the 1997 Rate Integration Plan, the American Samoa Government indicated that it would reorganize its telephone system and split the telephone company’s functions into local exchange carrier (LEC) and interexchange carrier (IXC) functions. It appears that the American Samoa Government created the American Samoa Telecommunications Authority (ASTCA), a governmental entity, and created separate LEC and IXC divisions within the ASTCA. Is this correct? If not, please describe the alternative that was chosen.

ASTCA Response: Yes, the American Samoa Government created the American Samoa Telecommunications Authority (ASTCA), a semi-autonomous entity owned by the Government and governed by its own Board of Directors. In

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turn, the ASTCA Board of Directors established separate LEC and IXC divisions within ASTCA.

2. **Rates.** American Samoa filed local, long distance, and access service rates in its *1997 Rate Integration Plan*. In its *2004 Amendment*, the ASTCA indicated that it is now a member of the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA). The ASTCA, however, did not update its rates in its *2004 Amendment* to reflect its membership in NECA. Please provide the current rates for these services. In particular, please provide the following information:

- a. **A current and complete list of local services offered by the ASTCA LEC and corresponding rates;**

A list of ASTCA LEC's end user local services is included in Exhibit A to this letter. In addition, Exhibit C includes the complete ASTCA LEC local tariff on file with the American Samoa Telecommunications Regulatory Commissioner.

- b. **The current and complete list of ASTCA LEC interstate switched and special access rates and end user rates; and**

With regard to ASTCA LEC's interstate switched access and special access rates, ASTCA LEC participates in the NECA tariffs and its rates can be found in those tariffs, which are already on file with the Commission.

With regard to ASTCA LEC's end user rates for local services, a list of ASTCA LEC's end user rates is included in Exhibit A to this letter. In addition, Exhibit C includes the complete ASTCA LEC local tariff on file with the American Samoa Telecommunications Regulatory Commissioner.

- c. **A current and complete list of ASTCA IXC interstate long distance services available and the corresponding rates.**

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ASTCA IXC charges identical rates for calls to all domestic points, including the U.S. mainland, Alaska, Hawaii, CNMI, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. A list of ASTCA IXC interstate long distance services and rates is included in Exhibit B to this letter.

Thank you very much. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "David Sieradzki". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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EXHIBIT A

ASTCA LEC's Residential Local Exchange Services and Rates

Types of Service	Installation Charges	Monthly Charges
Individual Line (Touch Tone)	\$65.00	\$9.00
Extension within Bldg. (Touch Tone)	\$55.00	\$3.00
Extension outside Bldg. (Touch Tone)	\$65.00	\$3.00
Install telephone in house(all services still available) no instruments	\$45.00	\$9.00
Additional Module installed by ASTCA	\$25.00	N/A

Moves and Changes	Installation Charges
Change location (within same exchange)	\$35.00
Change location (one exchange to another)	\$45.00
Change location (within same building)	\$5.00
Change Directory Listing	\$15.00
Change Telephone Number	\$15.00

Note: Installation charge includes single line Touch Tone telephone instrument. A credit of \$20.00 may be available for each Touch Tone instrument returned in good condition at the time of service termination

TROUBLE CALLS - (611):

ASTCA will maintain and repair ASTCA and Non-ASTCA equipment at the customer's premises. Charges will be determined on a case-by-case basis per trouble call. Non-ASTCA equipment will be restored only to the first ASTCA connection.

MANU'A RESIDENTIAL RATES:

Manu'a telephone installation charges are identical to Tutuila residential rates, plus 25% for shipping cost and transportation expenses for telephone installers.

Monthly rates and toll charges are the same throughout the Territory.

AUNU'U RESIDENTIAL RATES:

Aunu'u telephone installation charge are identical to Tutuila residential rates, plus 10% for shipping costs and transportation expenses.

Monthly rates and toll charges are the same throughout the Territory

INTERNET AND OTHER INFORMATION SERVICES:

ASTCA also offers Internet access and other information services. This response does not address those unregulated services.

ASTCA LEC's Business Local Exchange Services and Rates

Voice Services

ServiceType	Installation Charges	Monthly charge	Comments
Individual Line	\$65.00	\$18.00	Touch Tone(TT)
Individual Line	\$45.00	\$18.00	Non-ASTCA Termination
Computer/Fax Line	\$65.00	\$18.50	with Touch Tone (TT)
Computer/Fax Line	\$45.00	\$18.50	No instruments supplied
Extension w/in premises	\$55.00	\$5.00	Touch Tone (TT)
Extension outside premises	\$65.00	\$5.00	Touch Tone (TT)

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Monthly rates and toll charges are the same throughout the Territory.

Aunu'u Business Rates:

Aunu'u telephone installation charges are identical to Tutuila residential rates, plus 10% for shipping costs and transportation expenses.

Monthly rates and toll charges are the same throughout the Territory.

ASTCA LEC's Local Exchange Class Enhancements Services (Residential & Business):

Enhance Services * R= Residential B=Business	Installation Charges	Monthly Charges
Call Waiting: Enables the customer to receive another incoming call by placing the active call on hold.	\$15.00	R – 1.25 B – 2.00
Three Way Calling: Enables the customer to add a third party to a call in progress	\$15.00	R – 1.25 B – 2.00
Call Forwarding: Allows you to forward all of your incoming calls to a designated number when you are away from home.	\$15.00	R – 1.25 B – 2.00
Speed Dialing: Allows you to dial a predetermined number(s) by pressing a two number code.	\$15.00	R – 1.25 B – 1.25
Caller Identification: Allows the user to see the number of the	\$15.00	R – 2.00

party calling before answering the telephone. In addition, the date and time of each call received can be displayed. A special display device is required and must be furnished by the customer before applying for Caller I.D. The customer selects and owns this device.		B – 3.00
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Note: See ASTCA Local Tariff for additional class enhancement features. If a single service order is required for the installation of more than one CLASS enhancement, at the same time the cost will be \$15.00 plus \$5.00 for each additional Feature.

Directory Assistance (411):

Local Operator Assistance (411) service charges are established to charge customers that have exceeded their 10 free directory assistance calls during each monthly billing period. Calls to local operator assistance (411) in excess of the free calls are charged at the rate of 25 cents per call.

Note: The Directory Assistance Operator may handle up to two number requests per directory assistance call.

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EXHIBIT B

ASTCA IXC's Residential End User Interstate Services and Rates

All U.S. Points (Continental U.S., Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, CNMI and Guam)

Direct Dial

Peak	Days	Cost / minute
Day	Mon-Fri 7am - 7pm	\$.25
Evening	Mon-Fri 7am - 7pm	\$.20
Weekend	Sat-Mon 7am - 7am	\$.18

Operator Assistance - "Person to Person"

Initial 3 minutes	n/a	\$8.00
Day	Additional Minutes	\$.50
Evening	Additional Minutes	\$.45
Weekend	Additional Minutes	\$.40

Operator Assistance - "Station to Station"

Initial 3 minutes	n/a	\$6.00
Day	Additional Minutes	\$.50
Evening	Additional Minutes	\$.45
Weekend	Additional Minutes	\$.40

ASTCA IXC's Business End User Interstate Services and Rates

Long Distance Services

All U.S. Points (Continental U.S.,Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, CNMI and Guam)

Direct Dial

Peak	Days	Cost / minute
Day	Mon-Fri 7am - 7pm	\$.25
Evening	Mon-Fri 7am - 7pm	\$.20
Weekend	Sat-Mon 7am - 7am	\$.18

Operator Assistance - "Person to Person"

Initial 3 minutes	n/a	\$8.00
Day	Additional Minutes	\$.40
Evening	Additional Minutes	\$.35
Weekend	Additional Minutes	\$.30

Operator Assistance - "Station to Station"

Initial 3 minutes	n/a	\$6.00
Day	Additional Minutes	\$.40
Evening	Additional Minutes	\$.35
Weekend	Additional Minutes	\$.30